

II. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. General

The application now contains 9 claims.

While the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections and objections, claims 19, 20, 22 and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice in an effort to move the present application into condition for allowance. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue protection for these claims in a continuation application to be filed prior to the issuance of the present application.

No amendments have been made to claims 6, 11, 13-18 and 41 under the current amendment.

B. Summary of Rejection and Response

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as being indefinite.

In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 22 and 42 under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,185,615 (hereafter referred to as Labiaga).

In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 19, 20, 22 and 42 have been cancelled from the present application, thus rendering the Examiner's rejection to these claims moot.

C. Summary of Objection and Response

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claim 21 for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

In response, claim 21 has been cancelled from the present application without prejudice. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to this claim is rendered moot.

D. Acknowledgement of Allowance

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication on page 4 of the Office Action, that all of claims 6, 11, 13-18 and 41 are allowed.

Given that these claims are the only claims remaining in the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for Allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 6, 11, 13-18 and 41 are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 6, 11, 13-18 and 41 at an early date is solicited.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the Applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims or in making constructive suggestions so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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